

# Marshfield Conservation Commission

## 83rd Meeting

July 9th, 2014

Members Attending: Tony Mayhew, Mike Zahner, Sarah Norton, Ed Jalbert, Allen Banbury, and Bob Popp

Minutes: Approval of June minutes tabled.

Treasure's Report: Tony reported

- \$251 in Operations Fund
- \$5,323 in Dedicated Fund
- \$ 947 from plant sale to be added to Dedicated Fund

Planning Commission

- We have agreed to draft a brochure for the PC explaining environmental regulations in Marshfield. The town web site will provide a link to the ANR Environmental Locator Map.
- John Groveman offered to attend a future meeting to explain what the PC would like to have us do.

Open Meeting Law: Mike reported

- Meetings need to be noticed on town web site plus 2 other locations 2 days in advance with an agenda.
- Minutes need to be posted within 5 days of the meeting
- We can also place other documents on the town web site
- Mike attended training at Town Clerk's office and has a password to access the website.
- **Mike** will send out a summary of the new requirements to the membership
- Since minutes will not be approved prior to posting suggestion was to summarize the content of the minutes following each topic to ensure minutes accurately reflect the discussion.

### Stranahan Town Forest

- Management plan revision is overdue. Supposed to be revised in 5 years, but has been 7. The plan is supposed to be revised as a collaborative effort among the MCC, SST, Historical Soc, Town Highway Dept. Question of who should be the lead on the revision?
- Ed & Brett delineated wetlands in Stand 23 which is scheduled to be cut. Apparently is now up to the discretion of the Select Bd whether to protect these since the SB is not required to protect unmapped wetlands by VLT easement.
- Ed feels that the wetlands should not be logged, but that they do not need a large buffer.
- Ed has been charged by the Stewardship Com. to bid a sale by the end of July for cutting this winter. He needs to flag out the skid roads prior to any cutting.
- There is also honey suckle scattered in the area to be logged. Concern about it spreading following the cut. Suggestion to cut the honeysuckle prior to the logging, sometime this fall: late Sept – early Oct.

### Other Business:

- Caitlin Cussak, UVM Cooperative Ext, will present a program on Emerald Ash Borer at the Wed meeting at 5 PM. Co-sponsored by library.
- Ann is also arranging future programs on pollinators and ticks.
- **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 10 AM – 1 PM.** Tony and Annie will lead a hike around Beaver Meadow.
- Friends of the Winooski offered to pay for any materials needed to protect planted trees from beaver and voles at Martin Covered bridge. We also need to put sand paint on the larger trees to discourage beaver.

Submitted On: 12 July 2014

Accepted On: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: Bob Popp